

When a Tornado Warning is Issued You Need to Know...

A Tornado Warning is just that...A serious warning. A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been sighted or is imminent for Franklin County.

Once a Tornado Warning has been issued, the **outdoor** warning sirens will be sounded for three minutes, shut off for seven minutes during which time a voice announcement will be issued in all directions North, South, East and West:

**"Franklin County Tornado Warning....
Seek Shelter."**

That sequence is repeated for as long as the warning remains in effect. Once the warning has expired, another voice announcement will be issued in all directions:

**"Franklin County Tornado Warning
has expired."**



Emergency Contact Numbers:

Police.....911
Fire.....911
Sheriff.....911
American Red Cross..... 251-1443
Emergency Management.... 469-9700
Columbus Health..... 645-7417
County Health..... 462-3160
Nat'l Flood Insurance
Prgm.....800-638-6620
Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources
Flood Plain Planning..... 265-6750
Poison Control..... 228-1323

For More Information Contact:

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TORNADOES



**Emergency Management
Agency for Franklin County**



When You're at Work or School...

- If a Tornado Watch has been issued be prepared to go to your safe area.
- Listen to the radio or television for additional weather information.
- If a Tornado Warning has been issued go to your safe area immediately!
- If you're at school, your teachers will know where the safe areas are. Follow their instructions!
- If you're at work, and a Tornado Watch has been issued, tell others and be ready to go to a safe area.
- Remember, if you work in a large building with many people, getting everyone to a safe place may take more time. Plan ahead!
- When you take cover Protect yourself. Sit with your back to the wall, pull your knees in, cover your head with your arms or a book.

When You're Outdoors...

If you get caught outside or in a car seek shelter. Take cover in a nearby building or in a ditch.



When a Tornado Watch is Issued You Need to Know...

A Tornado Watch means that the weather conditions during the next few hours might produce a tornado. Take all tornado watches seriously and literally! When a Tornado watch is issued, watch the television or listen to the radio for special weather announcements or updates on the current weather conditions. Remember, the outdoor warning sirens **WILL NOT** sound during a Tornado Watch. The sirens will only sound when a tornado has been sighted.



When You're at Home...

- If a Tornado Watch has been issued be prepared to go to your safe area.
- Listen to the radio or television for additional weather information.
- If a Tornado Warning has been issued go to your safe area immediately!

When There's a Tornado You Need to Know...

Getting safe doesn't take a lot of time. There are no secret or complicated rules to follow. What's important is that as soon as you know a tornado is in the area; go to a safe place immediately. You can survive a tornado as long as you get to a safe area before a tornado get to you! But remember the general rule... If you are at home go to the basement and get under the stairs or a heavy table. If your home doesn't have a basement find an interior room, with no windows, on the first floor. It is a good idea to already have planned for a tornado emergency by picking your safe location in advance. Once you know where to go, make sure that the room or area has a battery operated radio and flashlight. You'll need the radio to listen for emergency weather information and the flashlight will help light the way out when the tornado is clear.